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NEW REPRESENTATIVE TO BE ACTING CHILD AND YOUTH OFFICER

VICTORIA — Jane Morley, QC, will step down as B.C.'s child and youth officer Dec. 31 and Mary Ellen Turpel-Lafond will become the acting child and youth officer. This will ensure continuity of services during a transition period from January to March 2007.

Turpel-Lafond has agreed to serve as the acting child and youth officer during the transition period. Her term as representative for children and youth will officially take effect Feb. 1 and she will serve in both roles for a brief period.

At the end of the transition period, the Office for Children and Youth Act will be repealed and remaining sections of the Representative for Children and Youth Act brought into force. Turpel-Lafond's acting appointment as child and youth officer will end at that time and she will assume her full responsibilities as representative for children and youth.

Turpel-Lafond was appointed an officer of the legislature Nov. 27.

Morley has served as B.C.'s child and youth officer since 2003. She is a lawyer who has been in private practice in Victoria for about 30 years, with a focus on mediation and arbitration.

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